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C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 2553

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: PFOR PLO
SUBJECT: PLO ATTENDANCE AT MEPC

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: LOCAL PRESS REPORTED INTERVIEW
PLO FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR FAROUK KADDOUMI
RECENTLY GAVE TO BEIRUT ENGLISH LANGUAGE WEEKLY MONEY
MORNING IN WHICH HE SPELLED OUT SOME SPECIFIC TERMS
FOR PLO ATTENDANCE AT A GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE. THESE
CONDITIONS ARE: (1) PLO RECEIVE INVITATION TO ATTEND
MEPC FROM BOTH US AND USSR. (2) PLO ATTEND FROM FIRST
SESSION TO LAST. (3) PLO TAKE PART IN ALL CONFERENCE
ACTIVITIES (4) PALESTINIAN QUESTION BE LISTED AS A
SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM (5) PLO ATTEND ON BASIS OF UNGA
RES 3236 RATHER THAN SC RES 242 AND 338. LOCAL PRESS
HAS QUOTES EXPANDING ON LAT POINT AS FOLLOWS: " IN
OTHER WORDS THE PALESTINIANS WILL NOT ATTEND ON THE
BASIS OF PRERECOGNITION OF SECURE ISRAELI BORDERS:
IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM MEDIA STORY HERE WHETHER
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THAT QUOTE IS FROM KADDOUMI OR COMMENTARY BY MONDAY
MORNING.

2. ALTHOUGH ALMOST ALL NEWSPAPERS CARRIED STORY
YESTERDAY ONLY JORDAN TIMES EDITORIALIZED ON IT TODAY
EDITORIAL THOUGHT "MANY WILL REGARD AS UNDULY
STRICT, BUT REFERRED TO ISRAELIS RIGIDITIES

AS EXEMPLIFIED BY LATEST SETTLEMENT IN WEST BANK AT
MASHA AND CONCLUDED ISRAELIS AND "REST OF THE WORLDS
GAME PLAYING" WOULD ONLY STOP "THROUGH A PROCESS OF
TOUGH PALESTINIAN STATEMENTSHIP AND ARAB SOLIDARITY"
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3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: PLO SPOKESMAN HAVE NEVER
NEEDED SPECIAL OCCASION TO SOUND OFF ON PALESTINIAN
ISSUE, AND WE REALIZE STATEMENT BY A SENIOR PLO
OFFICIAL CANNOT BE RELIED ON AS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED
AND OFFICIAL PLO LINE. EMBASSY NOTES HOWEVER THAT
PLL IS DUE FOR STATEMENTS STAKING OUT ITS CLAIM
IN PEACE PROCESS FOLLOWING KING HUSSEINS SOMEWHAT
MORE ASSERTIVE POSTURE IN HIS REMARKS DURING CURRNT
US VISIT FOR JORDANIAN PEACE SETTELEMENT ROLE IN
WEST BANK(AMMAN 2435). END CONFIDENTIAL
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